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1. On 11 July 1950, 36,800 troops of the 44 Army and 2,000 troops of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column were disposed in the Chungshan and Wanshan Island area as follows:
 - a. Headquarters of the 131 Division, 44 Army, is at Tangchiahuan (113-36, 22-22), with a garrison force of one guard battalion totalling 1,500 men with four field guns.
 - b. The 1 Battalion, 393 Regiment, is on Tashan (113-43, 22-54), the 2 Battalion is at Taputai (113-46, 21-58), and the 3 Battalion is on Shao-wanshan (113-40, 21-57).
 - c. There is one guard company and one machine gun company with a strength of 400 men at Tungao (113-43, 22-01).
 - d. The 8 (sic) Battalion, 392 Regiment, is on Lasami, the 2 Battalion is on Spider Island (113-50, 22-05), and the 3 Battalion is on Outer Lingting (114-01, 22-06).
 - e. The 1 Battalion, 391 Regiment, is on Inner Lingting (113-48, 22-23), the 2 Battalion is on Chiao (113-39, 22-24), and the 3 Battalion is on Wang-chin (113-30, 22-24).
2. Individual strength of the islands averages 500 men, 2 artillery pieces and 2 rocket launchers. The 4 larger islands (Outer and Inner Lingting, Chiao

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and Lasami) have Soviet 3-inch guns with an approximate range of 10 miles.* Regular troops of the 44 Army are under orders to leave and will be replaced by Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column troops.

3. Troops moving toward Paoan (113-56, 22-32) Hsien for garrison duty include the following:
 - a. On 10 July, 2,000 men of the 125 Division, 42 Army, passed through Canton.
 - b. On 10 July, 300 men of the 1 Field Artillery Unit Battalion (sic), 15 Army Group Headquarters Detachment, arrived in Canton from Hainan equipped with 8 x 7.5-inch guns, 6 x 10-inch heavy artillery pieces, 8 x 6.5-inch guns, 4 rocket launchers, 4 truckloads of ammunition, and other equipment.
 - c. On 13 July an independent field artillery regiment of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column passed through Canton. This unit is commanded by CHAI Hsin (蔡信) and is equipped with 6 howitzers, 4 x 105 cm field pieces, 4 anti-tank guns, 20 horses and 6 trucks.
4. One thousand men of the Independent 3 Replacement Regiment, Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column, left Chungshan for Huiyang (114-26, 23-05) for garrison duty.
5. The Chungshan Military Control Commission received orders from the Central-South Military District to complete coastal defense work during July. Soviet advisers and technicians are supervising the installation of artillery pieces on Tawanshan and Taputai. Radio stations communicating with Tanchiahuan have also been established on these two islands, and large amounts of telegraph wire have been shipped in to permit telephone installation.
6. About 70,000 men of the 47, 48 and 49 Armies of the 4 Field Army are disposed along the Kwangsi-Indochina border. Another 40,000 troops are massed in Kweilin, awaiting orders to move north.

* ☐ Comment. This range appears doubtful in view of the size.

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